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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report

Rep. McCurdy and up to a dozen Congressmen who voted against Contra aid in March plan to visit Central America on the eve of the 6 June Contadora vote. The outcome of this visit has obvious implications for what the Administration can achieve in the House on 10 June when Members vote again on Contra aid. I will probably accompany McCurdy, along with DDO and State officers.

Congressional staff and OMB reached a final agreement on the Supplemental Retirement bill this week. The formal House-Senate conference approved the measure on Thursday. The bill is expected to be passed by both Houses next week. The bill will have a favorable impact on our employees as both the Civil Service and CIARDS programs have been essentially preserved in their present form. There is a provision in the bill to retroactively "fix" any double retirement payments that employees had to make.

There is a provision we want to have in the FY 87 Intelligence Authorization bill to exempt the Intelligence Community from the 1973 Rehabilitation Act in matters of drug and alcohol abuse. Under the present law we could potentially be tied up in court indefinitely before we could take final action against a drug or alcohol abuser. However, at this week's SSCI markup of the Authorization bill, Durenberger expressed serious concern about the provision and asked for a more complete briefing on our reasons for seeking the exemption. Accordingly, representatives from OGC, OCA and OP are scheduled to brief Durenberger today on the subject.

Senator Denton's Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism was scheduled to hold a closed hearing this past week on Yasser Arafat's possible involvement in the 1973 murder of U.S. and Belgian diplomats in Khartoum. Justice, State, NSA and CIA were asked to appear. At the last moment, however, NSA notified the Subcommittee it would not appear but would rely on the Agency to represent it. This led the Subcommittee to postpone indefinitely the hearing, presumably in order to give it more time to pressure NSA into appearing. To this end we understand that Denton may contact Weinberger, Odom or the DCI. We recommend you support NSA's position.

The first hearing on the Roth "early-out" bill was held on Thursday. We do not expect that this bill will move rapidly but will watch it very closely because of the potential impact of the hiring freeze provision it contains.

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